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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 11

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

CARLOS R. CISNEROS

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE ENGINEER TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A WATER BUDGET FOR THE STATE.

WHEREAS, the state engineer is responsible for the measurement and appropriation of the scarce water resources of New Mexico and of their distribution among an increasing number of water users, in the context of interstate stream compact deliveries that must be maintained; and

WHEREAS, data on usage and long-term sustainability of the resource are crucial in deciding basin adjudications and acting on water rights applications; and

WHEREAS, additional information on water use and water supply is sorely needed to assist in adjudicating rights along the Rio Grande, the most heavily appropriated river and ground water basin in the state; and

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1           WHEREAS, the state's water budget depends completely on  
2 water yields generated by healthy mountain forests and land; and  
3           WHEREAS, the potential to increase water yield of the  
4 state's watersheds through land use, forest and range management  
5 has received little research and less action; and  
6           WHEREAS, additional water use data would bolster efforts at  
7 water conservation and assist in preventing over-diversion; and  
8           WHEREAS, water planning efforts now under way in many  
9 regions of the state would be enhanced by improved information  
10 on water use and water resources;  
11           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the office of the state engineer be  
13 requested to compile the data necessary to construct a water  
14 budget for every stream system and declared basin in the state,  
15 beginning with those under the greatest pressure from water  
16 users and interstate stream compact requirements; and  
17           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state engineer be requested  
18 to, at a minimum, meter or take other measurements of all  
19 permitted water uses and return flows, and develop data  
20 management system to permit accurate storage, rapid retrieval  
21 and flexible analysis surface of the water use records; and  
22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state engineer be requested  
23 to conduct research and monitoring efforts to quantify surface  
24 and ground water resources and water yield by watershed; and  
25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state engineer be provided

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1 the support to carry out a needs assessment within his office  
2 and report back to the legislature by December 1, 1997 with a  
3 phasing plan and cost estimate for developing the information  
4 base described above; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
6 transmitted to the state engineer.

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
15 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the  
16 CONSERVATION COMMITTEE.

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19 Respectfully submitted,

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24 Glori a Howes, Chairman  
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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Adair, Aragon, Gorham

Absent: None

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 5, 1997

Mr. President:

Your CONSERVATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO NOT PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michael S. Sanchez, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 4 For 3 Against

Yes: 4

No: Eisenstadt, Feldman, Sanchez

Excused: Griego, Macias, Tsosie

Absent: None

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**FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SESSION, 1997**

March 15, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE,  
to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

1. On page 2, line 18, strike ", at a minimum," and insert in  
lieu thereof "develop an estimate of the cost to".

2. On page 3, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state engineer report to the  
appropriate legislative interim committee prior to the second

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session of the forty-third legislature regarding the agency's  
progress in compiling the needs assessment called for in this  
memorial; and".,

and thence referred to the ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

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G. X. McSherry, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

Excused: Johnson

Absent: None

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FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 19, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 11, as amended

has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

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James Roger Madalena, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

Excused: Knowles, Macko, Picraux, Salazar

Absent: None

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